



NORTH GROWTH
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Market and Fund Performance Update

Equities ended June on a high note, charting strong performances for both the second quarter and first half of 2023. Driven by a spectacular rally in AI, or artificial intelligence, the NASDAQ Composite surged over 30% during the first six months of the year, its best start since 1983. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 rallied nearly 17% even though the other indices recorded much more modest gains. The U.S. market has become increasingly top-heavy and concentrated in a few mega-cap technology names.

SEVEN COMPANIES CONTROL THE U.S. STOCK MARKET

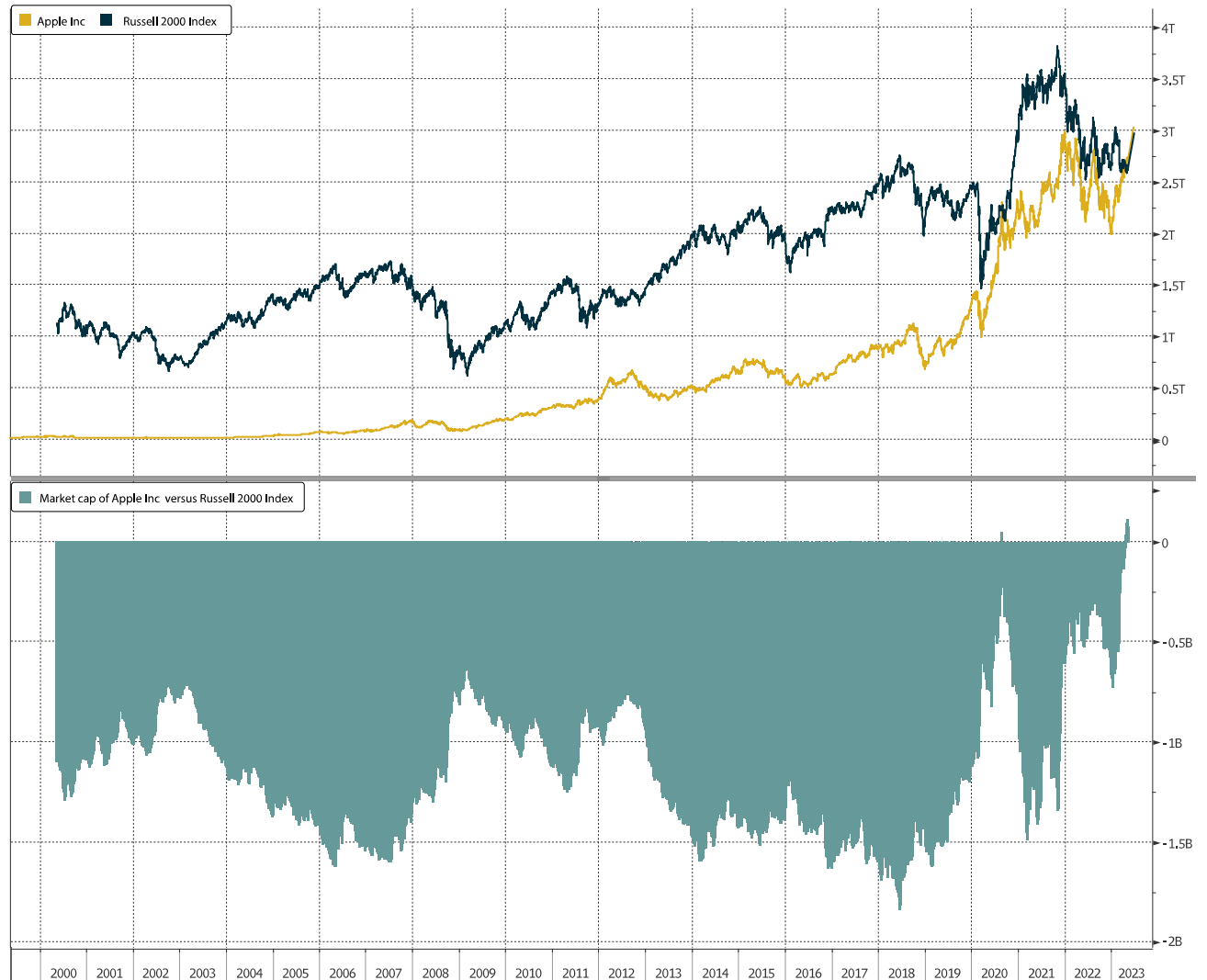
The performance of the S&P 500 index is the most concentrated it has been since the 1970s. Having climbed almost 17% this year and recorded one of the best six months in two decades, the S&P 500 has relied on just seven of its largest constituents. The technology behemoths—Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet (Google), Amazon, Nvidia, Tesla and Meta (Facebook)—have dominated the index, gaining between 36% and 190% year-to-date. The remaining 493 companies have, in aggregate, remained close to flat.

Although top-heaviness is not a new phenomenon in the U.S. market, as the big tech stocks in the S&P 500 are now similar to what oil companies or the Nifty 50 were in the past, by many measures, the concentration problem has reached extreme levels. The rally of the S&P 500 during the first half of the year masks a mediocre performance from the vast majority of stocks.

The Russell 2000, an index of 2,000 small and midsize U.S. companies, is down 23% from its record set in 2021. Lagging behind the S&P 500 by more than 7% annually over the past five years, the Russell 2000 has posted one of its worst relative five-year returns against the S&P 500 since 1926, according to Steven DeSanctis, small- and mid-cap equity strategist at Jefferies.

An illustration of the unprecedented degree to which the market is so concentrated, Apple, a single stock with a market capitalization of more than \$3 trillion, is worth more than the entire Russell 2000 index put together. Apple alone is also worth more than the U.K.'s top 100 listed companies combined.

Excessive Market Concentration Apple More Valuable than Entire Russell 2000 Index



Source: Bloomberg as of June 2023

Notably, as the underperformance of the majority of the market has not been the product of poor underlying operating results, stock multiples are not as expensive as the S&P 500 would imply. And the thinning of U.S. equity market breadth has given rise to numerous attractive investment opportunities.

We remain focused on stock selection according to our “Growth at a Reasonable Price” philosophy. It is an encouraging environment for stock pickers as high-quality, reasonably-priced shares are readily available amid the extreme market concentration. We continue to adjust the weightings of portfolio constituents and upgrade the quality of portfolio holdings as market conditions permit. As market leadership alternates between large-cap and small-cap stocks, we believe the Funds are well-positioned to outperform in a broad market recovery.

U.S. EQUITY FUND

In June, the North Growth U.S. Equity Fund appreciated 8.8%. The Fund outperformed the S&P 500 which gained 6.6%, the NASDAQ Composite which increased 6.7%, as well as the S&P 600 SmallCap which was up 8.2%. The Fund lagged the S&P 400 MidCap which rallied 9.2% for the month. A strong Canadian currency reduced the Fund’s appreciation in Canadian dollars to 5.9% versus the S&P 500 which climbed 3.8% in Canadian dollars.

For the first half of 2023, the U.S. Equity Fund gained 17.0%. Except for the NASDAQ Composite which was up 32.3%, the Fund outperformed the other indices we follow. Year-to-date, the S&P 500 appreciated 16.9%, while the S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap increased 8.8% and 6.0% respectively. In Canadian dollars, both the Fund and the S&P 500 gained 14.3% during the first half of 2023.

CANADIAN EQUITY FUND, SERIES N

The Canadian economy continued to be resilient in the second quarter despite breaking its eight-month long streak of job creation. A tight labor market, strong economic growth, sticky inflation, and a rebound in housing market activity, prompted the Bank of Canada to raise the overnight lending rate to 4.75% after declaring a pause on interest rate hikes in January.

The surprise interest rate increase powered strong performance for the energy and financials sectors and drove the S&P/TSX Composite to a return of 3.4% for the month of June. The North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N, slightly outperformed the index with a monthly return of 3.5%. During the first half of 2023, the Fund appreciated 7.4% versus the S&P/TSX Composite which gained 5.7%.

North Growth U.S. Equity Fund

SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
NGM U.S. Equity Fund \$CDN	5.93	3.37	14.34	14.34
S&P 500 in \$CDN	3.76	6.39	14.27	14.27
NGM U.S. Equity Fund \$U.S.	8.84	5.66	16.96	16.96
S&P 500 \$U.S.	6.61	8.74	16.89	16.89
S&P 400 MidCap \$U.S.	9.16	4.85	8.84	8.84
S&P 600 SmallCap \$U.S.	8.23	3.38	6.03	6.03
NASDAQ Composite \$U.S.	6.66	13.05	32.32	32.32

ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	15 Yrs	20 Yrs	Since Inception
NGM U.S. Equity Fund \$CDN	27.01	9.88	9.56	13.61	12.43	9.97	12.39
S&P 500 \$CDN	22.88	13.50	12.43	15.49	12.82	9.95	10.44
NGM U.S. Equity Fund \$U.S.	23.62	10.94	9.44	11.02	10.49	10.07	12.16
S&P 500 \$U.S.	19.59	14.60	12.31	12.86	10.88	10.04	10.21
S&P 400 MidCap \$U.S.	17.61	15.44	7.79	10.21	9.78	10.48	11.58
S&P 600 SmallCap \$U.S.	9.75	15.19	5.22	9.81	9.85	10.29	10.86
NASDAQ Composite \$U.S.	26.17	11.98	13.96	16.26	13.96	12.50	10.89*

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of June 30, 2023

* This return is a simple price appreciation because total return data is not available on Bloomberg.

The inception of the Fund: October 13, 1992.

Unit Price	\$ 53.15 CDN \$ 40.14 US
Total Assets in Fund	\$ 610.2 Million CDN

North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N

SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
NGM Canadian Equity Fund Series N	3.54	1.08	7.36	7.36
Benchmark	3.35	1.10	5.70	5.70

ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Prospectus
NGM Canadian Equity Fund Series N	21.42	13.98	10.19	10.31	12.21
Benchmark	10.43	12.42	7.62	8.43	8.43

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of June 30, 2023

The prospectus inception of the Fund: June 15, 2012.

North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Benchmark: S&P/TSX Composite Index.

Unit Price \$ 25.37 CDN

Total Assets in Fund \$ 67.9 Million CDN

North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund

ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	*Current Yield	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
NGM Canadian Money Market Fund	4.58	3.76	1.36	1.42	1.07	0.99
30 Day Treasury Bill	N/A	3.67	1.35	1.40	1.06	0.99

** The Current Yield for the Money Market Fund is the average of the annualized daily yield for the most recent seven-day period. This measure is no longer available for the 30-day T-Bill Index.*

We take a very simple approach to managing the North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund. We invest in a portfolio of high-quality short-term bonds. The average maturity of the portfolio is often around 30 days. Historically, the Fund has generated very competitive yields with this simple approach because of our 0.25% management fee.

We manage the portfolio to ensure high liquidity and have no intention to extend maturities or reduce the quality of the holdings. We believe the Fund has superior liquidity characteristics due to its very low average maturity. The North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund's yield tends to correspond with changes in the Bank of Canada's overnight rate.

The current yield quoted above is net of the management fee.

Equity Fund Holdings

U.S. EQUITY FUND — HOLDINGS AS AT JUNE 30, 2023

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Jabil Inc.	8.02
2	Applied Materials Inc.	4.74
3	Ciena Corp.	4.52
4	Horizon Therapeutics, plc.	3.35
5	Motorola Solutions Inc.	3.35
6	Coherent Corp.	3.25
7	HP Inc.	2.95
8	Nvidia Corp.	2.90
9	InMode Ltd.	2.89
10	Qualcomm Inc.	2.83
11	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	2.75
12	SolarEdge Technologies Inc.	2.72
13	Elevance Health, Inc.	2.51
14	FedEx Corp.	2.33
15	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	2.24
16	Jacobs Solutions Inc.	2.21
17	Johnson Controls International plc.	2.19
18	Best Buy Co., Inc.	2.13
19	Global Payments Inc.	2.10
20	Tempur Sealy International, Inc.	2.06
21	RH	2.05
22	Align Technology, Inc.	2.02
23	Tapestry Inc.	2.00
24	Booking Holdings Inc.	1.86
25	Texas Instruments Inc.	1.77
26	Apple Inc.	1.71
27	Microsoft Corporation	1.67
28	Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc.	1.66

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
29	Electronic Arts Inc.	1.63
30	Brinker International Inc.	1.56
31	Crocs, Inc.	1.55
32	Warner Bros. Discovery Inc.	1.44
33	Revvity Inc.	1.39
34	Watts Water Technologies Inc.	1.31
35	Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.	1.30
36	Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	1.15
37	NVR Inc.	1.06
38	United Rentals, Inc.	1.02
39	Foot Locker, Inc.	1.00
40	Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	0.88
41	West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	0.73
42	Biogen Inc.	0.65
43	Ulta Beauty Inc.	0.55
44	Masterbrand, Inc.	0.42
45	Arhaus Inc.	0.26
Total Equities		94.68
Cash		5.32
Total Assets		100.00

CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — HOLDINGS AS AT JUNE 30, 2023

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets	Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	ATS Corporation	7.22	29	Lululemon Athletica Inc.	0.29
2	TFI International Inc	6.82	30	Perimeter Medical Imaging AI, Inc.	0.26
3	Leon's Furniture Ltd	6.07	31	Qusitive Technology Solutions Inc.	0.18
4	Aritzia Inc	5.95	32	Lumine Group Inc.	0.04
5	Calian Group Ltd	5.74	Total Equities		87.12
6	Bombardier Inc., Class B	5.15	Cash		12.88
7	CAE Inc.	4.70	Total Assets		100.00
8	Heroux-Devtek Inc.	3.97			
9	Open Text Corporation	3.75			
10	Canadian Solar Inc.	3.38			
11	Profound Medical Corp	3.05			
12	Restaurant Brands International	2.96			
13	TELUS Corporation	2.91			
14	Knight Therapeutics Inc	2.89			
15	Innergex Renewable Energy Inc	2.40			
16	Converge Technology Solutions Corp	2.15			
17	Dollarama Inc.	2.13			
18	Constellation Software Inc	2.08			
19	Zymeworks Inc	2.03			
20	Polaris Renewable Energy Inc	1.86			
21	Canadian National Railway Company	1.76			
22	dentalcorp Holdings Inc	1.60			
23	Evertz Technologies Limited	1.46			
24	Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.	1.43			
25	AutoCanada Inc	1.22			
26	Jamieson Wellness Inc.	0.71			
27	Shopify Inc.	0.66			
28	Blackberry Ltd.	0.30			

Investing with Us

INVESTING WITH NORTH GROWTH MANAGEMENT:

North Growth Management is a focused firm. Our objective is to achieve consistent, superior, long term returns on our equity funds based on our “Growth at a Reasonable Price” investment philosophy.

CONDUCTING TRANSACTIONS

The cut-off time for same-day transactions is one hour before the applicable markets close, normally 3 p.m. Eastern Time or 12 p.m. (noon) Pacific Time. Please note that U.S. markets close early on the day before Independence Day and on the Friday after U.S. Thanksgiving and both U.S. and Canadian markets close early on Christmas Eve. The cut-off time on those days is 12 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time or 9 a.m. Pacific Time. Orders received after the cut-off time will be processed on the next business day.

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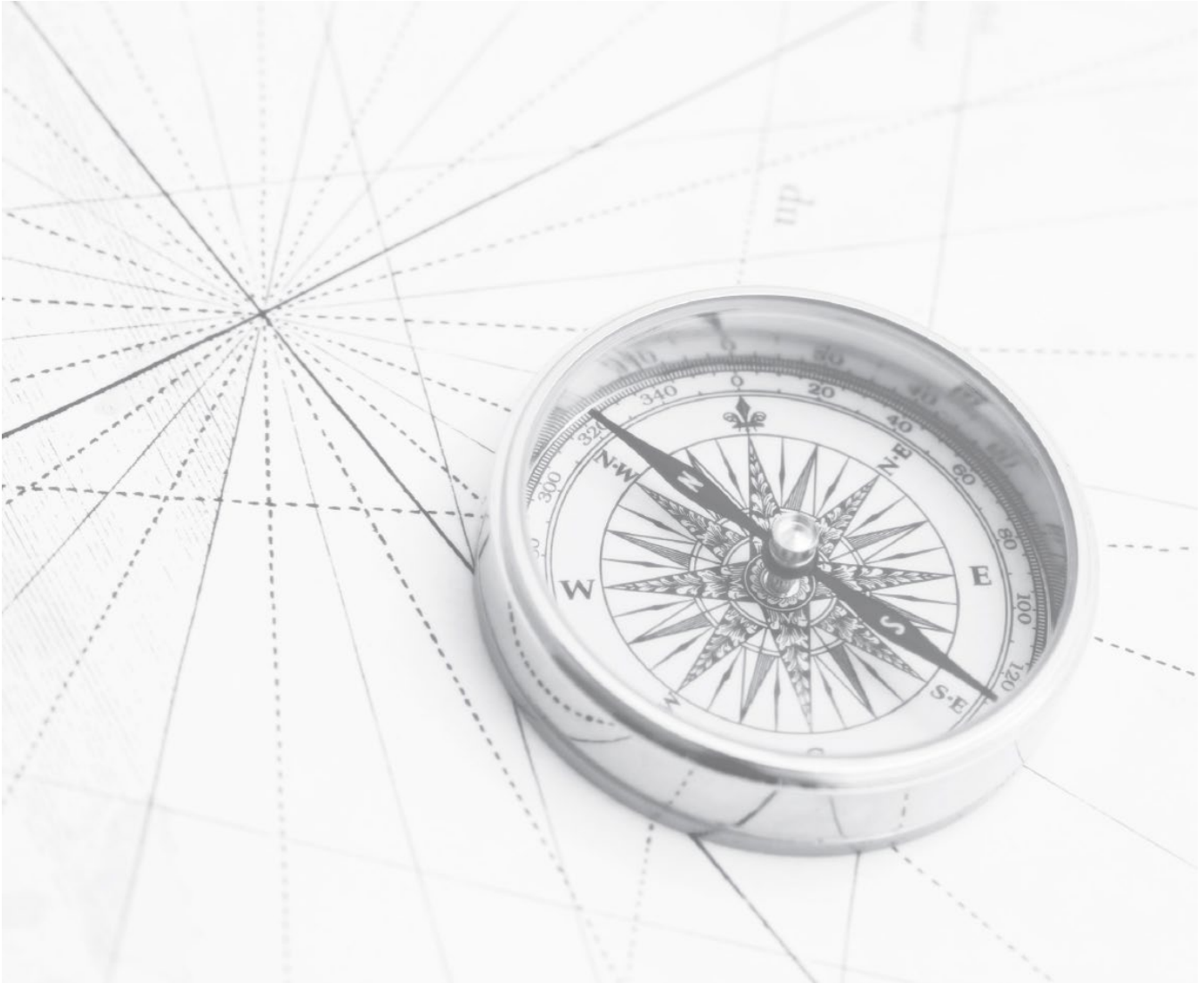


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